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Emboff delivered reftel talking points to the Ministry of Foreign Relations and the Ministry of Public Health regarding pandemic influenza preparedness, especially the need for unrestricted sharing of influenza virus samples and our shared goal of increasing access to influenza vaccines, and ongoing smallpox virus research and avoiding any date-certain for destruction of the authorized virus stocks. The Dominican officials took our views on board but had no immediate reply. We will report any subsequent Dominican response.
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